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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2004/2005 Northern Shrimp Fishery Opens December 19th.

Marine Fisheries is issuing this reminder (see November 30th advisory) that the 2004/2005 northern shrimp season will open on Sunday, December 19th. As established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Northern Shrimp Section, the 2005 season will run from December 19 – 23, Sunday through Thursday; December 26 - 30, Sunday through Thursday; and January 3 through March 25, Monday through Friday.

Processors are reminded that it is unlawful to purchase northern shrimp prior to the season. Processing or storing shrimp prior to or after the 2004/2005 season is lawful with written authorization of the Director.

For further information on northern shrimp regulations (322 CMR 5.00) please visit our website at:
www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.